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Boss who fleeced the dead is jailed

A BOSS at a probate company who used bogus invoices to fleece the estates of dead people – including cancer victim Harold Hodgkins, from Dudley – has been jailed for 14 months.

Jacqueline Hing, of West Bromwich, was working for ITC Legal Services when she claimed cash using information from the estates for a fake company.

The 46-year-old mother-of-three, of Bank Street, was sentenced along with her son Jordan Brown, aged 21, of Parkside, Woodgate, Birmingham, and Spencer Weaver, 26, of Bank Street, West Bromwich.

The court heard, ITC received an invoice for £4,029 from a company called Hannows Development for work at Harold Hodgkins's home in Upper Gornal before he died of cancer in 2010, aged 66.

ITC became suspicious and discovered Hannows Development did not exist.

Checks showed Hing had accessed the computer files for his estate.

Hing pleaded guilty at Warwick Crown Court to conspiracy to defraud. She was "desperately ashamed" of her actions, said Mr Anthony Dunkels, defending. Brown and Weaver were both given suspended sentences.

Tory gains council seat

THE Conservatives have kept control of a seat on Dudley Council which was left vacant after the death of a popular councillor.

Voters went to the polls in a by-election and Tory candidate Colin Elcock was elected as councillor for Norton in Stourbridge.

The seat had previously been held by Tory councillor Angus Adams, who died in April aged 67. Councillor Adams was Dudley's regeneration chief and chairman of Centro.

AREA'S OVERHAUL TO GO ON DISPLAY

by Heather Large

LONG-AWAITED plans to spruce up the Windmill Hill area of Cradley could get the go-ahead after many years in the pipeline. A public consultation will be launched on revamp proposals which include improvements to footpaths, tree planting and public art when they go on display for the first time.

Residents and businesses will be able to give their views on the scheme and their feedback will be used to draw up the final designs for the scheme.

The revamp work would stretch from Colley Gate and along Windmill Hill and the council said it was aiming to make the area "greener, more accessible and attractive".

A preliminary consultation will take place at Providence Methodist Church, Windmill Hill, Cradley on Saturday.

Residents attending can speak to council officers, ask questions and complete a feedback questionnaire.

The feedback will help the council in its bid for further funding to design and cost up any future improvements.

Cabinet member for regeneration Councillor Shaukat Ali, said: "We hope that local people and businesses will take an interest in these potential improvements at this early consultation event."

"We believe it's extremely important for residents to have an input into plans for their local area during the feasibility stage."

Bidding

"Working with the community and building on their feedback puts us in a strong position when it comes to bidding for funding for future improvements."

Plans to improve the area have been previously been drawn up but have never come to fruition while a scheme to widen the A458 Windmill Hill road to reduce congestion has also been mooted.

Amanda Granmer, owner of Buddy's Floral Designs in Windmill Hill, said she was looking forward to viewing the latest proposals.

"There were some proposals six or seven years ago so I don't know whether these are the same ones. Anything that can be done to improve the area is a bonus," she added.

The council is also looking at the possibility of installing public art to help celebrate the history of the area.

Officers have been looking to sell off land in Foredraft Street, which is off Windmill Hill, to fund improvement work.

Windmill Hill has been identified as a priority for regeneration by the council.

The consultation event runs from noon to 5pm on Saturday. There are questionnaires to fill in and return on the day. Anyone unable to attend can request a copy on 01384 815428.

The Rev Stephen Buckley described the theft as "very distressing".

It was made from gunmetal, an alloy of copper, tin and zinc. The thieves dropped the bell on to the church roof, creating a hole in the newly-painted ceiling underneath. The bell, made in 1932 and weighing about 330lbs, was originally used on an ocean buoy.

It was given to the church in 2007 after the previous bell was stolen.

Church organist Nick Fanthom said: "It's very sad. I presume they wanted to sell it to make some money."

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Trial run as torch on way



Jon Drew, top, with left, Nick Haynes and Neil Ratcliffe on board President

STAFF at the Black Country Living Museum paraded a replica Olympic torch through the site as the countdown continues to the real flame reaching Dudley.

The torch arrives in the region on Saturday – day 43 of its 70-day, 8,000-mile journey around the UK.

Workers at the museum in Tipton Road,

Dudley, staged a practice run. Learning programmer Jon Drew got the chance to jog through the route holding aloft a cardboard replica at the weekend. The torch will arrive on the museum's steam-powered narrow boat, President, at 4.55pm before being carried through the site.

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No cost pledge in theatre campaign

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save Dudley Hippodrome and restore it to its former glory claim the project would not cost taxpayers a penny.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome hope to secure the former venue's future and are in talks with officers from site owners Dudley Council.

The members have until the end of August to submit a business plan, but are still waiting to have a look inside the building, last used as a bingo hall.

Campaign co-founder Geoff Fitzpatrick said although the early stages of the plan would not yet be made public, the scheme would not cost the council any money.

He said: "We are not sure how much a scheme to restore the Hippodrome will cost until we look inside, but we believe it won't need money from the council. We would look to apply for lottery funding and for the support of the business community."

The building is part of Castle Hill and is set for demolition under the £10 million masterplan transforming the gateway to the Black Country town.

The council hopes the proposal would increase footfall at the zoo, Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Tunnels.

Vow made on fountain

DUDLEY'S regeneration chief has pledged to continue efforts to restore one of the town's most famous landmarks.

Councillor Shaukat Ali said the 19th century carved feature in the market place in High Street was an "important monument" and should be returned to its former glory.

He was speaking after market traders launched a campaign to get the fountain cleaned up.

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500 ops are cancelled at last minute

MORE than 500 operations were cancelled at the last minute at Midland hospitals in just three months, Government figures claim.

But the number of postponed procedures in the region has fallen from the previous quarter.

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, which includes Kidderminster Hospital, called off the most non-emergency appointments at short notice - cancelling 190

between January 1 and March 31 this year. While patients in Walsall were affected the least with only 34 procedures cancelled during the three months.

Elsewhere 92 operations were cancelled by the Dudley Group of Hospitals, 86 by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals, 105 by Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals, and 74 by Mid-Staffordshire hospital trust. A total of 505 procedures

were called off but the number of cancellations has fallen from 575 during the previous financial quarter. All of the patients who had their appointments postponed were treated within 28 days of the cancellation. The figures show a fall from the same period last year when hospitals were faced with an increase in emergency procedures because of a surge in winter illnesses.

Almost 650 operations were

affected between January 1 2011 and March 31 the same year.

Lewis Grant, deputy chief operating officer for the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals, said: "Operations are cancelled for a multitude of reasons, from the patient being unfit on the day of surgery, a more urgent case taking priority, cases proving more complex once underway than planned, through to last minute consultant sickness."

Hundreds in trade lost 'due to works'

SHOPS are losing hundreds of pounds a day and motorists are facing traffic hold-ups after four weeks of roadworks began on a busy main route to Merry Hill shopping centre.

The work in Brockmoor High Street and Leys Road, Brierley Hill, will see the highway dug out for resurfacing.

It means motorists travelling from Wordsley are banned from going into Leys Road for a half-mile stretch up to Brockmoor High Street, while traffic in the other direction is one way only.

The uphill diversion leads vehicles up Moor Street from the junction with Leys Road, for traffic to link back across to Brockmoor High Street via Fenton Street or to join the busy Brierley Hill High Street between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

Kulwant Rai, owner of Select and Save newsagents and convenience store in High Street, said: "Sales have already dropped and I'm very worried about it."

Councillor Judy Foster, said it was a very important project for the area.

"We apologise for any inconvenience."

Car fans in cash boost

A gathering of "supercar" enthusiasts has raised more than £1,000 for Midlands Air Ambulance.

More than 50 drivers took part in the event, hosted by M6 toll, recently. Cars included Porsches, Ferraris, McLarens and Lamborghinis.

After taking the opportunity to admire the cars on display, drivers left Roadchef Norton Canes to take part in a "loop drive", travelling south to junction three of the M6 before returning to the services in time to see the real star of the show - the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Tribute acts gig

TRIBUTE acts will take to the stage for a showcase in Kidderminster.

The event will take place at Gainsborough House Hotel on July 5 and feature music by Tina Turner, Whitney Houston and Michael Buble. For tickets call Nicky Burrows on 07765383700

Thousands due to turn out for Olympic torch

OLYMPIC fever will be spreading through Dudley when the Olympic flame finally arrives in the borough on Saturday. Thousands are expected to line the route to join in the celebrations as it makes its way along the streets carried by a host of torchbearers.

Volunteers from Lions to marshal flame route

VOLUNTEERS from Lions groups are set to help marshal crowds at the Olympic torch relay in Dudley on June 30.

Clubs from Dudley, Kingswinford and Stourbridge have volunteered. Thousands are expected to turn out for the event, which will see the torch enter the borough from Wolverhampton at the Birmingham New Road next to Shaw Road at around 4.20pm.

The relay will pass Coseley School and Silver Jubilee Park and will turn into the Dudley Canal Trust, before being taken by narrow boat into the Black Country Living Museum complex for a sold-out, ticket-only event.

It will leave the museum at Tipton Road at around 5.38pm before heading up to the Castle Gate island and taking the Birmingham Road to Burnt Tree junction, where it leaves the borough and enters Sandwell at around 5.50pm.

Police will operate a rolling road closure on sections of the Birmingham New Road throughout the afternoon. Celebration events will be taking place at Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley, and Coseley School.

The torch will enter the borough from Wolverhampton at the Birmingham New Road next to Shaw Road at around 4.20pm.

It will pass Coseley School before coming down to the Ivyhouse Lane junction, passing Silver Jubilee Park and continuing down the road before turning into the Dudley Canal Trust.

Celebration events will be taking place at Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley, and Coseley School and drivers are asked to proceed with care in the area, as pedestrians will be heading to view the torch.

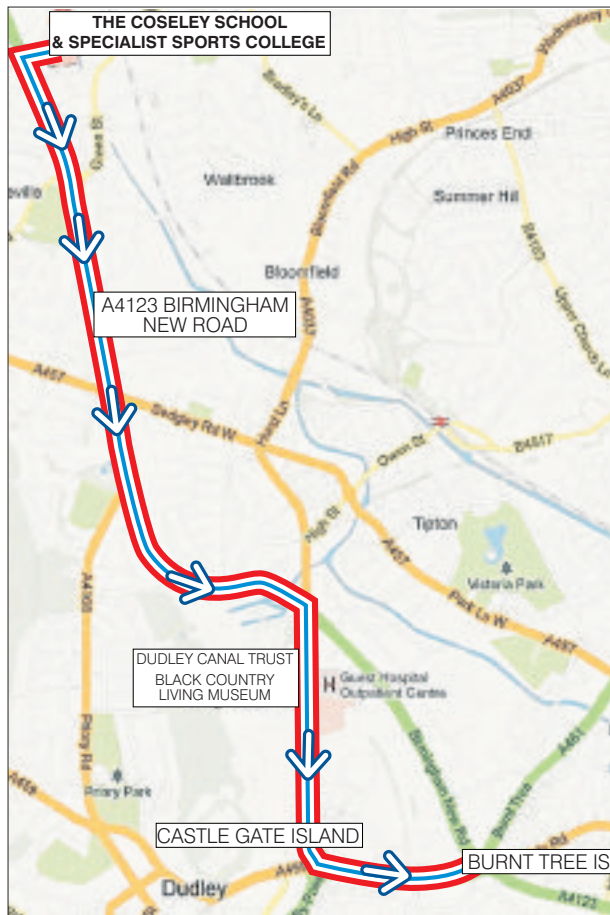
Tram

The torch will then be taken by narrow boat into the Black Country Living Museum where it will be taken on a tram before leaving along Tipton Road and heading up to the Castle Gate island at around 5.38pm.

It will then turn on to the Birmingham Road reaching Burnt Tree junction before leaving the borough and entering Sandwell at around 5.50pm.

Police will operate a rolling road closure on sections of the Birmingham New Road throughout the afternoon, meaning sections of the road will be closed as the torch relay procession approaches.

Traffic will follow behind the procession at the speed of the convoy, which will travel at approximately 4mph. Tipton Road will be closed in both directions from 3pm to 6pm with diversions in place. There is strictly no parking along the route of the torch relay.



The route the Olympic Torch will take when it visits Dudley borough on Saturday

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Gardening complex approved

WORK will get under way on a new garden centre, cafe and therapy complex on land in Kingswinford in August after plans were given the go-ahead.

Dudley Mind hopes to open it up to the public by the end of the year.

The charity wants to provide opportunities for local people who are recovering from mental health problems to carry out horticultural work.

The garden centre would also offer training to help people get back into work.

In addition, it would offer advice on horticultural matters.

The land to be developed for the Green Sparks project is a half-acre plot between the BP petrol station and the Premier Inn in Dudley Road. Plans have been approved by Dudley Council.

Dudley Mind's chief executive Martin Mueller said: "We will hopefully start work in a couple of months' time."

"The people who own the quarry at the back of the site have offered to clear it for us for free."

"We hope it will be completed by the autumn ready for next year's growing season."

On song to help charity

A TOTAL of £1,300 has been raised for charity by a concert. Dudley-based Gentlemen Songsters performed with Tenby Male Choir at St Mary's Church, Kingswinford.

The choir donated more than £650 each to Action Heart, which supports people with heart conditions at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, and the Leukaemia Unit Appeal for a specialist nurse to run a fast-track oncology unit at the hospital.

TV and radio presenter Aled Jones will join the choir on September 22 at Dudley Concert Hall. Tickets are available on 01384 838863.

Help for illness

HELP is at hand for those with mental illnesses at three weekly sessions run by Rethink Mental Illness at Mary Stevens Hospice Shop, High Street, Stourbridge, on Mondays 2pm to 3.30pm, the Co-op, High Holborn, Sedgely, at Wednesdays 10.30am to 11.30am, and The Kaff, High Street, Brierley Hill, on Thursdays 10.30am to noon.

Reopening rail link 'would ease congestion'

REOPENING the Walsall to Stourbridge railway line would help to ease congestion on motorways and allow the region to take advantage of the UK's growing freight market, transport chiefs are claiming.

The amount of goods transported by rail freight has grown by 10 per cent during the past financial year.

Transport authority Centro has predicted the amount of rail freight will increase by 120 per cent by 2030. It wants to see the line between Walsall and Stourbridge reopened.

Chief executive Geoff Inskip believes it will bring new jobs and investment to the area with new or existing companies expected to build freight terminals, at potential locations such as Bescot junction.

He had welcomed the latest figures from the Rail Freight Group.

Importance

"This is great news for our region and highlights the importance of reopening the Walsall-Stourbridge railway line for freight," he said.

Network Rail is in the process of carrying out a full review of rail capacity demand of freight.

Bosses at Centro believe this review will support the case for reopening the line.

Centro is also working on plans to use stretches of the line for so-called tram-trains - specially designed passenger vehicles capable of running on both heavy and light rail tracks.

This could link Stourbridge with Wednesbury with the option of tram-trains connecting with the existing Metro

line which is currently undergoing work Birmingham to extended its reach.

The reopening would also provide the opportunity to divert rail freight services away from central Birmingham.

Passenger

This could lead to new passenger services on routes such as the Camp Hill line in south Birmingham and the Tamworth line through Castle Bromwich. Mr Inskip also believes that proposals for the high speed rail line, HS2, were important to any plans for re-establishing the line.

Sale of former garage may give boost to street revival

Proposals to revamp a rundown area of Dudley town centre could get a major boost as a former industrial unit goes up for sale to be redeveloped.

by Andrew Turton

Regeneration bosses say the redevelopment of the former garage could prove a catalyst for other businesses to take on empty premises in King Street.

The building is going under the hammer at auction on June 28. It has been given a guide price of £150,000 to £175,000 by estate agents CP Bigwood.

The auction takes place at Villa Park starting at 11am.

Dudley Council's deputy leader, Councillor Shaikat Ali, said if the sale goes through, the building could kick start the revamp of King Street.

"It gives the project a bit of impetus and anything that returns vacant premises into use is a good thing," he said.

"We know there are a large volume of shops and premises in the town centre which are empty and we are working on this."

"King Street is an important part of the town centre and I've made my position clear that we will look at what can be done to bring business and traders in."

King Street was partly converted into a bus lane around five years ago. Councillor Ali said plans to reopen the road fully to traffic remained on the table.

The authority is also working behind the scenes on a fresh bid to become a Portas Pilot town to help boost town centre regeneration after losing out earlier this year. Dudley is vying with Bilston and Walsall for the next round of funding.

Resubmit

Councillor Ali added: "Work is going on behind the scenes on the Mary Portas bid so that we should be in a position to resubmit by the end of the month."

The council has started a search for tenants for the empty shops and has vowed to refurbish the fronts of the vacant units. It comes as a £550,000 project to refurbish council offices in King Street begins with staff set to move in over the summer.



Marjorie Oldacre, of Dudley, celebrates her 100th birthday with daughter Eileen, inset Marjorie aged 17

Marjorie marks a milestone

A GREAT-great grandmother, who earned distinction for her work with St John Ambulance, has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Marjorie Oldacre was joined by family and friends for a party at Castle Meadows care home, in Dudley.

Mrs Oldacre, formerly of Coseley, was well-known in the community after running a small police station in Prince's End, Tipton, with her husband Claude for many years.

Mr Oldacre was a serving police officer and his wife had to regularly help and deal with the public in need of assistance.

But her caring did not end there. In the 1950s she joined St John Ambulance, eventually becoming a serving sister.

She was honoured with the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem accolade. Mrs Oldacre also helped Hungarian and Egyptian refugees.

She and her husband had five children - Percy, David, Patrick, Michael and Eileen.

Mr Oldacre died in 1980 and she has outlived her four sons. Her daughter, now Eileen Biddle, was with her for her 100th birthday celebration. Mrs Oldacre has nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Getting ready to sing

AUDIENCES will be roaring with laughter when Quarry Bank Operatic Society performs one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular comic operas, The Pirates of Penzance.

Rehearsals are under way at its base in Netherton Arts Centre and the group is appealing for sponsors to help it fund the cost of a new keyboard. The show in September is a fresh take on one of Gilbert and Sullivan's. It will be the group's 52nd production. Tickets cost £10 to 13 and are available on 01384 820902 or at www.qbos.org.uk

NEWS in brief

Driving up air ambulance cash

MOTORING enthusiasts will get the chance to have a passenger ride in cars including Ferrari, Lotus, Porsche and Aston Martin at a charity event organised by Hagley Car Club.

Loton Park Hill Climbs, Shropshire, is hosting the annual Motorist's Festival on June 30 at Sir Michael Leighton's stately home at Alberbury, near Shrewsbury. It will raise money for the Midlands Air Ambulance and churches by selling rides up the hill.

Among those taking part is Stourbridge Pre-War Car Club. Action starts at 11am.

Opening date for recycling plant

A £1.1 MILLION project to revamp a recycling depot in Dudley and build facilities to handle grass and hedge cuttings is set to be complete by October.

The work at the Lister Road site follows the creation of a £1m depot at the former BT building, Blowers Green Road, last year to deal with cans, plastics, bottles, paper and cardboard. Now the council wants to cut costs by processing green waste. Work starts this month.

Poster launch to help vulnerable

A CAMPAIGN has been launched in Worcestershire to raise awareness of financial abuse of vulnerable people.

The first of three posters focused on financial abuse of vulnerable people with a physical or learning disability or a mental health condition. Pete Morgan, chairman of the Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board, said: "Financial abuse is one of those which are often difficult to detect."

Cello to play at summer concert

MEMBERS of Halesowen Orchestra have announced their summer concert.

Cello Philip Handy will be joining them at the Cornbow Hall, Hagley Street, Halesowen, on July 14 at 7.30pm. He will be playing a host of pieces including Dvorak's romantic cello concerto.

Tickets cost £8 and can be bought at the door or by calling 0121 550 0956.

Summer fair date

THE First Halesowen Scout Group is holding a summer fair on July 7 from 11am to 3pm at the Scout Centre, Elizabeth Road, Halesowen. Admission is £1 per family.

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RHODES

I SUGGESTED a few days ago that, until the recent planetary event, most people thought the Transit of Venus was an erogenous zone. A reader insists he thought it was a passion wagon made by Ford.

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AN old soldier writes in appreciation of my recent piece about D-Day. He was there, landing on Sword Beach on June 6, 1944 and says of that epic day: "Sadly, today it does not get mentioned enough." Hang on in there, old warrior. Come 2014 and the invasion beaches will be thronged with veterans and well-wishers marking the 70th anniversary. We shall not forget.

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I DID not get the joke of the young joker trying to present a maths book to Chancellor George Osborne. We are told this person is from a new BBC show which will "poke fun at the Establishment".

This is amusing only if you believe that the BBC, which gets £4,000 million of taxpayer's money every year, is not itself a part of the Establishment. But of course it is, right up to its neck.

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HEARTWARMING, wasn't it, to see those MPs bravely standing up in the Commons and admitting they had suffered from mental illness?

But you couldn't help noticing the illnesses in question were the respectable ones such as depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder, which attract sympathy or kindly amusement. I was waiting for an MP to deliver a torrent of effing and blinding and admit he had a virulent form of Tourette's syndrome. Or maybe a kleptomaniac Member would confess he'd nicked all the Commons notepaper. Or perhaps an MP might admit he has a bit of a problem swiping ladies' underwear from washing lines. We live in hope.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Bid for £1m funding to prevent brook flooding

A £1 million bid for funding to prevent a brook in Cradley from overflowing and flooding nearby homes has been submitted by council bosses.

Mushroom Green embankment would be strengthened as part of the project if the grant from the Environment Agency is approved. At least 142 business and domestic properties

Son stole jewellery

A DRUG addict sold his mother's wedding ring to buy cannabis, a court heard.

Jamie Parkes, aged 22, of The Thatchers, Halesowen, took the ring and other jewellery worth a total £3,500 from his mother Caroline Parkes' bedroom.

He then sold the valuables to a jeweller in Dudley. Parkes pleaded guilty at Dudley Magistrates Court to two charges of theft.

The court heard how he confessed to selling his sister's ring for £16.

Prosecuting, Suki Rai said: "His mother described the jewellery as quite sentimental." Mitigating, Bally Paul said Parkes had apologised to his mother and was now helping her with house chores. Parkes, also has Asperger's syndrome, the court heard. Magistrates adjourned the case for a pre-sentence report.

could be at risk if the work is not carried out, a report, approved by Dudley Council leader David Sparks, claims.

The culvert runs through the embankment on the Mouse-sweet Brook.

The brook, which runs near Forge Lane, is regularly clogged with illegally dumped rubbish.

The report says: "A 50-metre, small diameter culvert, which runs through the 10-metre high embankment is failing due to its poor condition."

The culvert entrance is under a constant risk of blockage resulting from both watercourse flood debris and illegal dumping."

A bid for £1,035,000 to cover the cost of repairs and the creation of a new culvert has now been submitted to the Environment Agency.

The council has also earmarked £35,000 to contribute to the scheme if needed.

The report says: "In view of the serious threat to public safety the embankment has been included on the Environment Agency's regional high risk sites register."

Arsonists gut ex-valeting site



Fire crews tackle the blaze which completely destroyed the former car valet unit in the Black Country

A FORMER car valet unit was gutted in an arson attack as 25 firefighters battled to stop the flames spreading to a neighbouring business.

The fire tore through the site in Chester Road, Cradley Heath, leaving just a burned out shell. The roof collapsed and the blaze burned away the floor of the empty industrial unit.

When fire crews arrived at about 4.40pm on Sunday they found a door had been forced. It's believed the blaze was started in the centre of the building using petrol after an empty can was discovered nearby.

There were gangs of youngsters on the car park who at first refused to leave, said watch

commander Rudy Parkes, of Cradley Heath fire station.

A door at another unit on the site was also open and there was evidence some small fires had been started in there in recent weeks, Mr Parkes said.

Four fire crews battled to protect the neighbouring Dunn's Photographic Laboratory. The fire was out by about 6pm.

Mr Parkes said: "Once it started, the fire spread really quickly and the bitumen roof came down in no time. At the fire's peak the flames had gone through the roof and they were blowing really close to the roof of the business next door. We had to work hard to stop it spreading further."

Man died following surgery on knee

A GRANDFATHER suffered a cardiac arrest and later died following complex knee replacement surgery, an inquest heard.

Robert Collett, aged 62, of Halesowen, underwent the operation at Birmingham's Royal Orthopaedic Hospital on February 9, 2011. An inquest at Birmingham Coroners Court heard Mr Collett was taken ill after being transferred from the operating theatre to a recovery room.

Resuscitation was carried out and he was taken to City Hospital but later died.

Birmingham and Solihull coroner Aidan Cotter was told Mr Collett had complained of feeling unwell while being prepared for surgery. The inquest heard this was originally put down to a drop in blood pressure after Mr Collett had an enema. The hearing was also told Mr Collett had started coughing during the surgery.

He was later diagnosed with a pulmonary edema, fluid on the lungs, and was given treatment to clear it. The inquest continues.

Diabetes forum

DIABETES UK and NHS Dudley are holding a public forum about the condition at the David Lloyd Centre, Pensnett Road, Brierley Hill on July 5.

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No funding scuppers path plan

WORK to build a new footpath along a busy country road where a 70-year-old man was killed has been ruled out by council chiefs due to a lack of funding.

Dudley Council had looked into creating a 4ft wide path in Racecourse Lane, Stourbridge, to improve safety, as pedestrians have to walk in the road. But a new report reveals the cost of the project, which would include moving utility equipment and access on to private land, would be £193,000.

The report to Stourbridge Area Committee by John Millar, director of the urban environment, says: "Funds are not available for this work." But he says the council will still consider a "pedestrian holding area" at the junction of Worcester Lane and Racecourse Lane, with dropped kerbs and new paving.

The man was killed in June 2009, near the junction with Quarry Park Road, as he walked out of a driveway.

In October 2011 a driver crashed when he attempted to turn right into Ounty John Lane.

Residents of the Pedmore section of Racecourse Lane have complained they cannot walk along the road as it is too dangerous.

Jobs check-out

MORE than 120 people have applied for 15 jobs at a Tesco Express due to open at the end of the month on the former Old Bear pub site, Stourbridge Road, Kidderminster.

Students with eyes on the prize in passing out display



Sophie Allen and Davina Salhan celebrate their achievements



Students carrying out one of the fitness exercises



Dudley College student Sherae Adams with fellow classmates at the parade at Kingswinford Rugby Club



Students patrol a mock checkpoint



Students going through the Olympic-themed routine

MORE than 100 students looking towards careers in the military and police held a passing out parade in front of friends and family.

Public Service course students from Dudley College gathered at Dudley

Kingswinford Rugby Club, Wall Heath where around 120 of them took part, staging team exercises and highlighting the skills they have learned.

The traditional parade in front of the crowd was also held.

Events included an Olympic-themed fitness exercise, a mock-up of a checkpoint patrol and a silent drill. Bosses from the

college said more than 400 parents and friends of students turned up for the occasion with them.

The course prepares youngsters for life in the public services. Tutors who have served with the armed forces, police, customs and excise and the fire service are brought in to give lectures. Some students who have earned their level three diploma are now set

to move to universities while others move on to other courses at the college.

Among the students taking part was 18-year-old Davina Salhan, of Lilac Drive, Wombourne, who has successfully completed her level three diploma in public services. Paul Rigden, centre manager for public services, said: "We are all very proud of their achievements."

NEWS in brief

Officers takes on two challenges

A LEADING police officer in Worcestershire will take on two extreme challenges for charity to mark his 50 birthday.

Detective Superintendent Martin Lakeman, of West Mercia Police, is raising money for St Richard's Hospice in Worcester.

He is taking on the Royal Marine Commando Endurance Challenge this weekend in Devon.

And in September, he is doing the ten mile Para10 Endurance Challenge in Yorkshire.

See www.justgiving.com/Martin-Lakeman to donate.

Pupils triumph in knowledge quiz

A TEAM of young general knowledge experts from a Stourbridge school has won its way through to the finals of a national quiz competition.

Four pupils, aged seven to 11, from Oldswinford Church of England Primary triumphed in the regional semi-final and will be the national finalists on July 12.

The Quiz Club National Inter-School Quiz Championship involves more than 1,200 primary schools across the country.

Musicals show

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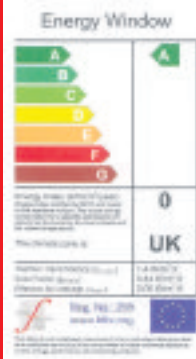
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£250,000 fund aiming to boost trade in towns

A £250,000 town centre support fund has been set up to help boost trade in Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport by giving each of the areas a facelift.

It's hoped the move will help attract more retailers to start up businesses. Council bosses also want to encourage more shoppers into the three towns. Leader of Wyre Forest District Council John Campion said the £250,000, which is coming from the council's coffers after it made savings of more than £800,000, would complement work already taking place to boost trade.

Mr Campion said: "The aim is to bring more businesses into the town centres and to improve the look of them to entice new traders in."

"This is an excellent position to be in and will be of real benefit to the area."

The money has been allocated from the council's savings and fund was backed by the cabinet at a meeting last week.

Members also agreed to contribute £50,000 towards design costs for the redevelopment of St George's Hall, Bewdley.

The council made savings of more than £800,000 over the last financial year.

A provisional final account for 2011/12 shows a surplus of £808,590 which will be partially used by the authority to boost development projects in the district.

The majority of the cash, £407,590 will now be placed in the council's financial strategy as part of the 2013/16 budget process. But members agreed £100,000 of the surplus would be used to top up a £700,000 fund for one-off costs for the Wyre Forest Forward scheme.

This aims to develop new and more efficient working practices for the authority.

Management buys group

AN ENGINEERING group with a branch in Peartree Lane, Dudley has undergone a management buyout.

Godiva Bearings Group has its head office in Middlesex. The buyout was led by managing director Tom Hamlett, supported by financial director Trevor Brain.

Call to clean fountain



Len Lenihan at the fountain in Dudley, which traders want cleaned up

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to get Dudley's town centre fountain cleaned up.

Traders claim the 19th century carved feature in the market place, High Street needs an urgent revamp and it has come under attack from birds roosting inside.

Len Lenihan, chairman of Dudley Market Traders Association, said some of the stonework was crumbling and it had become filthy due to the mess left by the birds.

Prince Charles voiced concerns about the fountain's condition during his visit to the town's market place in January 1996.

Since then council bosses have been wanting to restore it and it is due to be refurbished as part of a wider project to revamp Dudley Market Place. But plans for the scheme are still being drawn up so it is not yet known when work will start. Mr Lenihan is calling for it to be thoroughly cleaned.

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Problems that go with stadiums

I NOTE with interest that those people who are suggesting or supporting the provision of a multi-purpose sports stadium at Castle Gate, all live miles away from the area.

A recent advocate, Mrs J Fisher of Longfellow Road, Dudley, lives five miles away from Castle Gate, for example, and would therefore not have to endure any of the anti-social side effects.

I used to live considerably further away from Long Eaton Speedway Stadium when that was in use, than I

live from Castle Gate now and I well remember how horrendous the noise, the stink and the dust could be, especially when the wind was in a certain direction and after a spell of dry weather.

And for those unfortunate people living in properties closer to the stadium, each event night meant a constant battle with the selfish morons who couldn't or wouldn't park in the stadium car park.

I've no doubt Mrs Fisher and others like her would claim to be

happy to have such a facility built near to their own properties. But how would their neighbours feel about it, I wonder?

Potentially noisy, smelly and dirty stadia should be built on brown field sites and/or disused airfields that are miles from anywhere, so that petrol-heads and the like can enjoy their pointless pursuits in isolation.

Failing that, they shouldn't be built at all.

MR R A SARGEANT
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Third rate musicians at Jubilee stage show

I AGREE entirely with Peter Rhodes' reference to Prince Phillip missing the so-called jubilee concert.

We are all pleased the duke is making good progress, but like many of us I am sure he was glad he was spared the ordeal of having to endure hours of third raters churning out a load of stale repetitive rubbish.

I am sure the queen like many of us would have enjoyed some of the good music that has been around during her reign particularly the early 50s.

A band of good musicians such as the Joe Loss orchestra, whom she danced to on many occasions, would have been great for the occasion as would the many forms of light music.

JOHN COLLINS
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Chasing losses will usually end in tears

AFTER reading Mr Alan T Harrison's letter of June 8, I can confirm he is indeed correct about the Conservatives being responsible for the economy during the early 1990s and what an excellent job they made of it leaving Gordon Brown with a stable economy.

I am grateful, however that Mr Harrison reminded us in great detail about the names of the skilful politicians in charge of the economy at that time but he never mentioned it was a period of stability only to be tarnished in later years by the famous ironic suggestion by Gordon Brown of "no more boom or bust".

The financial roller coaster ride continued for 13 years until the British electorate finally called time on the socialist activities in 2010. During this period they increased employment in the public sector by approximately 700,000.

We cannot totally blame socialist policies for our current predicament because more worldwide bank regulation should have taken place. In the gambling industry this would be regarded as chasing losses which ends in tears.

ROY SLIMM, Church Road, Dudley

Why trade longer because of games?

CAN someone please explain to me why it is deemed necessary for Merry Hill to open longer on a Sunday during the Olympics?

Surely it would make more sense for them to close early so allowing shop workers to be able to enjoy this once in a lifetime event with their families.

Is it perhaps the thin end of the wedge, as I am sure supporters of Sunday trading will deem it a success leading to longer opening hours being the norm.

Long and unsocial hours have a negative affect on the lives of workers and their families. The Olympics are there to promote sport to everyone, and we should resist any cynical moves to use them as a smoke screen.

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Games date for students

YOUNGSTERS about to start at Halesowen College will stay at Eton College and see Olympic football and table tennis.

Students joining in September will see two games at Wembley, including a GB match, and the men's table tennis in July. They will have two days in London during and stay at Eton College or Surrey University.

The Halesowen Foundation, a charity supporting learners in the town, chose them. Mary Grinham, of the foundation, said: "This is really a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Payback time for crime

A MAN who was caught with parts of a metal gate from a BMX track in Dudley could return to the site to work as part of his punishment after probation officials said they would consider the option.

Mark Davies, 50, was ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work by magistrates after admitting handling stolen goods from Dudley Wood BMX Park. Since the conviction, probation officials have answered calls from the community to assess if he can do the required work at the site.

Staff at Saltwells Youth Club, which manages the BMX site, said they want Davies to see the impact of the stolen

gate on the club and members. Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation spokesman Gavin Pearce said an assessment was to start along with discussions with Dudley Councillor Jackie Cowell.

He said: "As with any potential work project, we have to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the BMX site to see what type of work is required and to see if it can be done by offenders, while supervised by probation staff."

Helping

The move has been welcomed by Saltwells Youth Club, which has 10 volunteers helping on Monday nights and during school holidays.

Secretary Lisa Graham said: "Any help we can get, we'll take it."

"Not only would we benefit, but it would also show the man the impact of the crime and make him think again."

Dudley Magistrates' Court heard how Davies, of Birbeck Place, Pensnett, was stopped by police after a resident saw him acting suspiciously around the entrance to the park at about 8pm on May 23.

Officers checked his van and found gate hinges before discovering the 3ft high gate in a nearby hedge.

As well as the requirement to carry out unpaid work, he was ordered to pay £85 court costs.

The gate, which cost £3,500, was never returned to the BMX park, which is now unprotected from motorists entering the site.

Police send keep out the burglars plea to homes

PEOPLE in Worcestershire are being urged by police to remember the "Knock Knock" message after a spate of bogus officials calling at local homes.

There have been two recent burglaries in which thieves have distracted householders after calling at their homes and several reports of bogus officials in Worcester, Evesham and Droitwich over the last two weeks.

West Mercia Police is issuing a "cut out and keep" door poster as part of its "Knock Knock" campaign to raise awareness of and prevent distraction burglaries.

Crime risk advisor for Worcestershire Mike Stephenson said: "Research shows that, sadly, the average age of those targeted

by distraction burglars is 78 and more than three quarters targeted are women.

"Local communities, carers and neighbours can play an important role in helping us prevent these crimes and catch those responsible for them."

"As we've seen recently, criminals often claim to be from a utility company - the 'water board' usually - and may be smartly dressed or in work clothes."

"They will then give the homeowner a task to do and while distracted, take money and any valuable items they can find."

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SIX volunteers from a Halesowen charity shop were among more than 80 helpers from the region who met with royalty at a special reception.

HRH The Princess Royal, who is President of Save The Children, met the volunteers, at Warwickshire's award-winning art gallery in Compton Verney.

The reception recognised the dedication and hard work of volunteers who have helped save the lives of children across the world.

Eighty volunteers were chosen from the Midlands to attend the reception. Halesowen volunteers Eirial Edwards, Gloria Priest, David Dils, Andrew Hall, Philip McCahill and Sheila Gowans, chatted to Princess Anne.

The Princess Royal takes a keen interest in the work volunteers do and a spokesperson said they were honoured that during such a busy year for the Royal Family, she gave her time to say thank you.

A NEW £3 million fire station will be built on the site of former municipal buildings, under plans revealed by fire chiefs.

Fire crews serving both Cradley Heath and Halesowen will be based at the site, near Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath.

West Midlands Fire Authority picked the site from four proposed locations which had been scrutinised ahead of a recent annual meeting.

The former municipal buildings are to be demolished by Sandwell Leisure Trust to extend the car park for people using the leisure centre.

The rest of the site will be transformed into the new station. A planning application will be lodged with Sandwell Council shortly. Halesowen Fire Station was controversially closed last month and all firefighters redeployed to other fire stations. Currently crews in Cradley Heath are covering both areas.

Cash generated from the sale of both Cradley Heath and Halesowen sites will help fund the new modern base.

West Midlands Fire Authority chairman and Sandwell councillor John Edwards said the new station would become a "first class resource" for the whole community.

"This decision is in line with the assurances we gave in April that a new development site would be identified by June," he said. "The new fire station will be a first class resource which will benefit the communities of both Cradley Heath and Halesowen."

Plans for homes sent in

THREE industrial units in Halesowen could be demolished to make way for a block of 13 apartments.

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After the 1939-45 war Guy continued to make buses and trucks, which were exported all over the world. The company fell on hard times during the late 1950s and went into receivership in 1961, being bought out by Jaguar Cars.

Three years later, Jaguar also acquired Guy's neighbour Henry Meadows, a diesel engine

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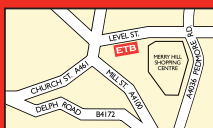
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18th century bridge is to get essential repairs

ESSENTIAL repairs are to be carried out on a Bewdley Bridge nearly two years after calls first went out for maintenance to be done.

Years of floods and bad weather have taken their toll on the bridge, which dates back to 1798, leaving stone and metal work heavily worn. Plans have now been submitted to Wyre Forest District Council for improvements on the Grade-I listed structure with the consultation period already under way. The aim is to start work as soon as possible.

If approval is given work would take place within the present financial year, according to Councillor John Campion.

The scheme will see five heavily weathered stone columns replaced. Iron bottle pilasters along the Beale's Corner approach to the bridge will also be replaced as part of the project.

Damaged cast iron railings along Riverside North will also be restored.

The project is being carried out by Worcestershire County Council, the district council and English Heritage.

Calls have been made for substantial maintenance work to be carried out at the bridge since 2010.

The structure was designed by Thomas Telford and built by Shrewsbury contractor John Simpson for £9,000. It originally had a toll house but this was demolished in the 1960s. Councillor Campion said the maintenance to the bridge was taking place as part of a programme of works on structures across the area.

£400 of jewellery stolen

AROUND £400 of Asian gold jewellery has been stolen from a house in Dudley.

Detectives are appealing for information about the theft at an address in Gordon Crescent, Pensnett. Among the items stolen was wedding jewellery. Det Con Karen Trinder, from Dudley CID, said the theft took place on May 27 between 4.45pm and 11pm. Anyone with information can call 101.

Crystal clear memories



Patrick Haden, seated, and fellow former workers at the reunion

FORMER workers of a world-famous glass factory in Stourbridge have shared their memories, photographs and artefacts as part of a £2.1 million project.

The items will be used in the new Webb Corbett Visitor Centre being built on the site of the old factory in Wollaston Road.

Former workers of the factory and their relatives attended a reflections day at the Ruskin Glass Centre recently. Ex-chief glassmaker Malcolm Andrews, aged 69, of Braemar Avenue, Wordsley, said: "It was a brilliant company to work for, very paternal, they looked after their employees. I loved working there."

Doris and Patrick Haden of John Street, Wordsley, who met while working as glass cutters in the 1940s also attended. The pair, now both aged 80, have been married for 56 years. Iris Halford, aged 72, of Barton Lane, Wall Heath, brought a picture of her father Arthur Sutton who worked there many years ago.



Iris Halford's father Arthur with his leaving present



Iris Halford and Malcolm Andrews look at pictures



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Glassboys to hold talks on future of their ground

TALKS will be held between Stourbridge Football Club, council officials and the Football Association about future development of its home ground.

The club made the headlines by reaching the FA Cup second round earlier this year, swelling the bank balance and uniting the town.

Haulage firm boss Andy Pountney took over as chairman of the "Glassboys" this summer when Ian Pilkington stepped down to become vice-chairman.

Mr Pountney said the club needed to take stock after a whirlwind period in its history.

He added future ambitions to develop the War Memorial Athletic Ground remained a priority.

"We are working behind the scenes about

future developments of the ground with the FA and Dudley Council," he said.

"We are in the hands of the council as it owns the ground but there will be discussions in the next few months.

"Rome wasn't built in a day, and the most important thing is we do not want to get carried away with ourselves following last season," Stourbridge FC share their ground, in Ambleside High Street, with Stourbridge Cricket Club, and it is also a base for the town's running club.

However, the ground is owned by Dudley Council, and officials would have to agree to any redevelopment before it could take place. The club benefited from a windfall of about £100,000 thanks to its FA Cup run last season.

Gallery closure on hold

UNDER-FIRE plans to close a gallery regularly used for art exhibitions and concerts at Kidderminster Library have been put on hold.

It comes after district councillors objected to proposals to turn the second floor gallery into offices to cater for almost 140 social care workers.

A planning application for a change of use of the gallery area has been withdrawn by Worcestershire County Council.

Bosses say they want to spend more time to discuss the plans with the town's art and music groups which have objected to the propos-

als, before making a final decision.

Under the county council's plans, the Steinway grand piano would be moved from the gallery to the first floor where a new performance area would be created near the computer section while space would be provided to display artwork on the ground floor.

Fear

Among the groups, which have objected to the scheme, is Kidderminster Classical Music Society.

Members fear the new performance area would not be suitable for its concerts which attract world-class musicians and audiences of up to 100. But the county council says

the plans are necessary to help it trim its budgets. Councillor John Campion, said: "To ensure that we don't have to consider closing our smaller libraries we have to consider more challenging issues, such as how we make most efficient use of our larger buildings, such as Kidderminster Library.

"The arts community in Kidderminster have some concern over the possibility of moving the Gallery and performance space from the top floor of the Library so it's right that we withdraw the current application to enable further dialog to take place so we can understand those concerns," added councillor Campion

Birds block work start

NESTING lapwings have put the brakes on work starting on a multi-million housing development.

The construction of more than 300 homes is due to get under way on two parcels on land in Pensnett, Dudley.

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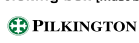
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Pledge to fight moves that could kill hospital

COUNCIL chiefs have vowed to fight cost-cutting plans that could see Kidderminster Hospital closed.

Six options have been forwarded for the future of services, with two of them possibly spelling the end for the hospital.

It is the latest blow for the hospital which lost its accident and emergency department when it was downgraded by the Government in 2000. Since then health campaigners have battled to have the services reinstated.

While facing a shortfall in funding clinicians are reviewing how they can manage Kidderminster Hospital; the Alexandra, Redditch and the Worcestershire Royal, Worcester, which both have A&E units.

A public consultation will be carried out on all six options, and a final decision on the preferred option will be made in December.

A statement jointly released by Wyre Forest District Council leader John Campion, deputy leader Marcus Hart, along with councillors Nathan Desmond, Stephen Clee, Gordon Yarranton and Anne Hingley, said any decisions made must retain acute hospital services in Kidderminster.

The statement says: "We believe this is not acceptable for the residents of Wyre Forest. We resist the overall withdrawal or downgrading of acute services at the Kidderminster site."

While Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier said "more, not fewer, services" should come to Kidderminster Hospital.

Boy bags membership



Bagpipe player Cameron Doe, aged 13, one of the youngest ever Royal British Legion members, with Paul Gittins, left, and Jeffrey Styles, from the Bewdley branch

A SCHOOLBOY bagpipe player has become one of the country's youngest Royal British Legion members.

Cameron Doe, aged 13, has supported the Bewdley branch for more than a year.

He began by playing the bagpipes with his father Henry at events including the launch of the annual poppy appeal.

Now the Bewdley High School pupil, from Crossway Green, Stour-

port, has become a fully-fledged member. He was welcomed during a jubilee celebration at the Black Boy Hotel, Bewdley, where he was presented with a new kilt pin to replace one he lost while entertaining crowds in the town centre.

Branch spokesman Keith Thompson said: "When the members heard about it they decided to have a whip-round and help him buy a new one. For us, Cameron is an inspiration to the youth of today."

Betting shop is planned

A BETTING shop will replace a closed-down post office in Stourbridge under plans handed to Dudley Council.

Bet Centre has submitted an application to open the shop in Wordsley Green Shopping Centre.

The bookies would take the place of the post office, which moved five doors up to the centre's Spar shop in May. Dudley Council will rule on the application next month.

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A day for the heroes

CROWDS of people are expected to line the streets of Dudley to cheer on brave soldiers as they march through the town.

The Royal Mercian Lancastrian Yeomanry will be parading through the streets on Sunday from 11am as they receive the Freedom of the Borough. People are being urged to line the route to show their support.

It is one of many events organised by Dudley Council to mark Armed Forces Day, which honours the armed forces. The parade will start from the TA Centre on Vicar Street at 11am.

Half-price stalls offer

MARKET bosses in Dudley are offering new stallholders a 50 per cent discount on day rates in an attempt to get more people into business.

The offer has been introduced by Dudley Council as part of Love Your Local Market fortnight, which runs until July 8.

The half price offer for new traders will last for the first eight weeks of trading. Councillor Gaye Partridge, said: "Dudley Market is a fantastic place to have a go at starting your own business. It's in a great town centre location and shoppers who regularly visit the market do so because they know they get great value for money

and service from our traders. I'd really encourage anyone who has a new business idea to take the opportunity to contact the market officer to find out more."

The move has been welcomed by one of the market's fruit and veg traders, David Flavell.

He said: "It's a great idea to get traders and shoppers back in the market place. In recent years we have seen numbers dwindle, so any promotion like this is welcomed. I'm sure any new trader will be welcomed."

The town's 74-stall outdoor market has been in existence since the 1200s. It could soon receive a £6 million revamp which would see a new layout and stalls. Chairman of Dudley Market

Traders Association Len Lenihan said signs had been put on the vacant stalls in a bid to attract the eye of potential traders.

"We need to do everything we can to bring new people into the market. It's a difficult economic climate which isn't helping but hopefully this will help to convince people to give it a go."

"We have got quite a few empty stalls so it would be good to get them filled if we could," he said.

He added he hoped "word of mouth" would also help to encourage people to take up the vacant stalls.

Earlier this month, traders met with council bosses to discuss the plans.

A meeting will next take place to sort out the final details.

Vote goes against plan to scrap acute hospital care

WYRE FOREST district councillors have voted overwhelmingly against any plans to scrap acute services at Kidderminster Hospital.

But the Labour group abstained from an emergency motion opposing the closure of the hospital or loss of acute services on the grounds that it contained statements they did not agree with, acknowledging the need for cost cutting.

Worcestershire NHS bosses are reviewing the future of the county's three hospitals - the Alexandra in Redditch, Worcestershire Royal in Worcester.

Six options have been put forward for the future, two of which could lead to the Kidderminster centre closing.

The hospital already lost its accident and

emergency department after being downgraded by the Government in 2000, leading to mass opposition in the town and the election of an independent MP, Dr Richard Taylor.

Wyre Forest's Tory Council leader Councillor John Campion and his colleague Councillor Marcus Hart put forward the motion.

Councillor Hart said: "This district has already suffered the pain of downgrading and withdrawal of acute services."

The council agreed to recommend that only two of the options health bosses plan to consult upon should be explored and any final decision should include the retention of acute hospital services at Kidderminster Hospital.

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Fire sites
rebuild
plan get
go-ahead

THE Government has given the go-ahead for the £50 million rebuild of 11 fire stations in Staffordshire.

Chiefs at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue had been worried the Treasury could pull the plug on the project amid growing concerns about the international economic crisis.

But the scheme, which includes renovations at six stations in the south of the county, has been approved.

It means Rugeley, Stone, Penkridge, Chase Terrace, Codsall and Lichfield stations, and another five further north, will be rebuilt to modern standards.

The project will be bankrolled by a Private Finance Initiative.

Value

Project manager Norma Putman said: "Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority's PF12 project has been fully endorsed by the Treasury and the Department for Communities and Local Government."

"The Treasury are satisfied that value for money has been clearly demonstrated and they do not form part of any further approvals required for this project."

"The authority have followed a robust procurement process and evaluation of the final tenders, these were submitted to the authority on February 13."

Animal man who follows
in his father's footsteps

Animal man Steffan Pearson tours hundreds of schools throughout the West Midlands with the creatures that live on his wildlife park. He talks to **CATHY SPENCER**

WHILE his school friends had dogs and cats as pets Steffan Pearson had a red fox called Toby, a racoon called Burt and there was also Freddie the golden eagle.

The 33-year-old grew up in Wombourne on a wildlife park and his father Roger was the animal man, who toured schools in the area for decades. A few years ago his father retired and Steffan quit his job in the music business to follow in his father's footsteps.

One creature that has been there throughout his life is Didi the honey bear who at 38 years old is one of the oldest of her kind in the world.

Attention

"From an early age I was surrounded by hundreds of animals ranging from sloths, owls and fruit bats to tarantulas, lizards and even llamas," says Steffan. "My dad has toured schools and groups since 1968 and children tend to love all animals and insects – they haven't got the fears that adults have."

The former Ounsdale School pupil works with the Natural History Lecture Service and he says among the creatures that attract the most attention from youngsters are Didi and his two friends, a pair of coatis from South America called Maria and Rosa.

"The coatis are just seven-weeks-old and they love to eat fruit such as strawberries," he says. "They are from the same area as Didi and they usually live in groups of up to 30, with males only allowed into the group during mating season before being pushed back out again."

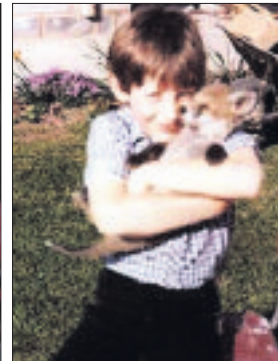
"The honey bear is an endangered species and I've known Didi all my life so she is like part of the family."



Steffan Pearson and Helen Fortescue are seen with a South American coati



Roger's love for animals passed on to his son to follow in his footsteps



Steffan Pearson soon got to grips with all sorts of wildlife as a boy

Steffan says that Didi is used to meeting a variety of people as she has been touring school for 30 years. The only other honey bear he knows of who is older than Didi is one in a zoo in Honolulu, who is in his mid-40s.

"She loves to eat any kind of fruit including bananas, mangos and apples and she is nocturnal so she sleeps through most of the day and then is active at night."

Bitten

Steffan goes to nurseries, children's parties and nursing homes and says at each event he tries to get across how important conservation is for all animals.

"I've been around animals all my life so it doesn't seem strange to be working with them – I love everything about reptiles and mammals although I have been bitten a few times," he says. "Recently I was in hospital after a racoon bit my arm, but it is all part of the job and we only let youngsters touch the animals who are very tame, like Didi."

"I've also been bitten by the tarantula, who is called Little Miss Fluffy, and is a Chilean Rose but it is only like a bee sting – they carry enough venom to attack other insects but not to harm humans."

After leaving school Steffan headed to London where he worked in a music studio making tunes for children TV programmes. However, two years ago his dad decided to retire and Steffan took over the reins.

"I had always missed this side of my life and while working in the music business I kept coming back to help my dad out with his trips to schools," he says.

Steffan says that since he grew up on the 11-acre wildlife park they have scaled the number of animals they own down to around 100. So, is there any chance of opening the wildlife park up to the public?

"We have thought about it for some time and it may be something we look at doing next year," he says.

Approval
for forces
to share
resources

WEST Mercia Police Authority has approved plans to share resources with the Warwickshire force to cut costs.

It includes sharing support staff and reducing managers and supervisors, while increasing the number of special constables and other volunteers.

West Mercia said it needed to find £20m in savings by April 2016. The Warwickshire force also faces the need to find savings of more than £10m by the end of the 2015-16 financial year.

Under the plans agreed by the West Mercia authority, both forces would retain their separate identities and separate chief constables, but many other roles would be shared.

Protection

Support services such as HR, IT and finance are also expected to be pooled. Seven areas – Herefordshire, north Warwickshire, north Worcestershire, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, south Warwickshire and south Worcestershire – would be led by a local superintendent.

Sheila Blagg, Chair of West Mercia Police Authority said: "We believe the arrangements are capable of delivering more protection for communities in Herefordshire, Telford & Wrekin, Shropshire and Worcestershire than would be possible without an Alliance with Warwickshire Police."

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A wartime romance that has lasted for 70 years



Platinum couple Hilda and Tom Lawther

SEVEN decades of happy marriage have been celebrated by a Black Country couple who have reached their platinum anniversary.

Hilda and Tom Lawther married when Britain was in the grip of World War II and they both did their bit to help the war effort.

Mr Lawther was a teenager when he joined the Royal Navy serving on a destroyer through the Second World War. While he was serving at sea, Mrs Lawther was on the shop floor at Bean Foundry, Tipton, which was producing parts for military vehicles at the time. The couple, both aged 92, went on to settle in Tipton, where they have lived all their married lives.

"We have been lucky to stay healthy and well and it's wonderful to reach 70 years," said Mrs Lawther.

Mr Lawther came to the Black Country, aged 15, from Dumbarton, Scotland to find work. The couple met at the foundry, off Birmingham New Road.

Hilda Lawther, nee Stanton, had a sister and six brothers and lived in Chapel Street, Tipton.

But soon after meeting, Tom joined the navy as a Petty Officer. They married at St Matthew's Church, Tipton, on June 20, 1942, but there was no honeymoon as they went straight back to work.

Following the war, Tom worked for Kleeneze brush company as an area distribution manager. They set up home in Tipton and had their son Tony in 1946.

Over the years they enjoyed ballroom dancing and took many holidays to Jersey.

School in first aid finals

PUPILS at a Black Country school have secured a place in the final of a national competition testing first aid skills.

The team from Colley Lane Primary School, Halesowen, won the West Midlands regional round of the St John Ambulance National Schools' First Aid Competition.

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thechronicle**CLUB NEWS**

An insight into life as an 'extra'

Cameo appearance at jubilee celebration

K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

THE British Legion was awash with colour when all members wore red, white and blue in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

Chairman Audrey Phipps welcomed the speaker Shirley Ireland Jones.

Sheila Evans gave both the treasurer's report and the secretary's report.

There are still a few seats available for the trip to Stratford on July 12. A reminder was given that there is no meeting in August.

The Harvest Supper and auction of produce is held at the September event.

The speaker kept the ladies highly entertained with tales of the years she was employed as an "extra" or supporting actor, at the BBC.

An insight was gained into the workings and routine of the organisation both on set and at numerous locations.

Yvonne Baytown gave a vote of thanks.

Wine and cake, decorated in patriotic colour and design, were served and a toast to The Queen was given.

Rosemary Langbourne and Shirley Hart won raffle prizes.

The next meeting is on July 5 with Catherine Clarke presenting "Fashion in Hats".

Any new members or visitors will be made welcome.



The Cameo Committee from left to right, Gloria Crannage, Pamela Lane, Elaine Lay, Jane Emery, Gill Parsons, Chris Guest, Greta Fellows and Jeanette Babb

CAMEO LADIES

After the celebrations concluded each member received a red potted geranium as a memento of the occasion.

The next meeting is on Monday, July 2, with a talk entitled "Romance with Shirley Valentine" by Audrey Hall. It is being held at The Mercure Goldthorn Hotel, Penn Road, Wolverhampton at 7.45pm.

Contact 01902 330727 or 01902 844836 for more information.

MEMBERS were delighted to attend a jubilee celebration lunch on June 12 at Pat-shull Park Hotel, all adorned in their red white & blue outfits

Chairman Jane Emery welcomed everyone to the lunch and an enjoyable lunch was had by all. The jubilee raffle arranged by Elaine Lay brought in funds for the chosen 2012 charity Motor Neurone Disease.

Entertainment with Maggie O'Hara followed through 60 years of music finishing with flag-waving to Land of Hope & Glory.

Friendly group welcome

DUDLEY WIDOWS & FRIENDS CIRCLE

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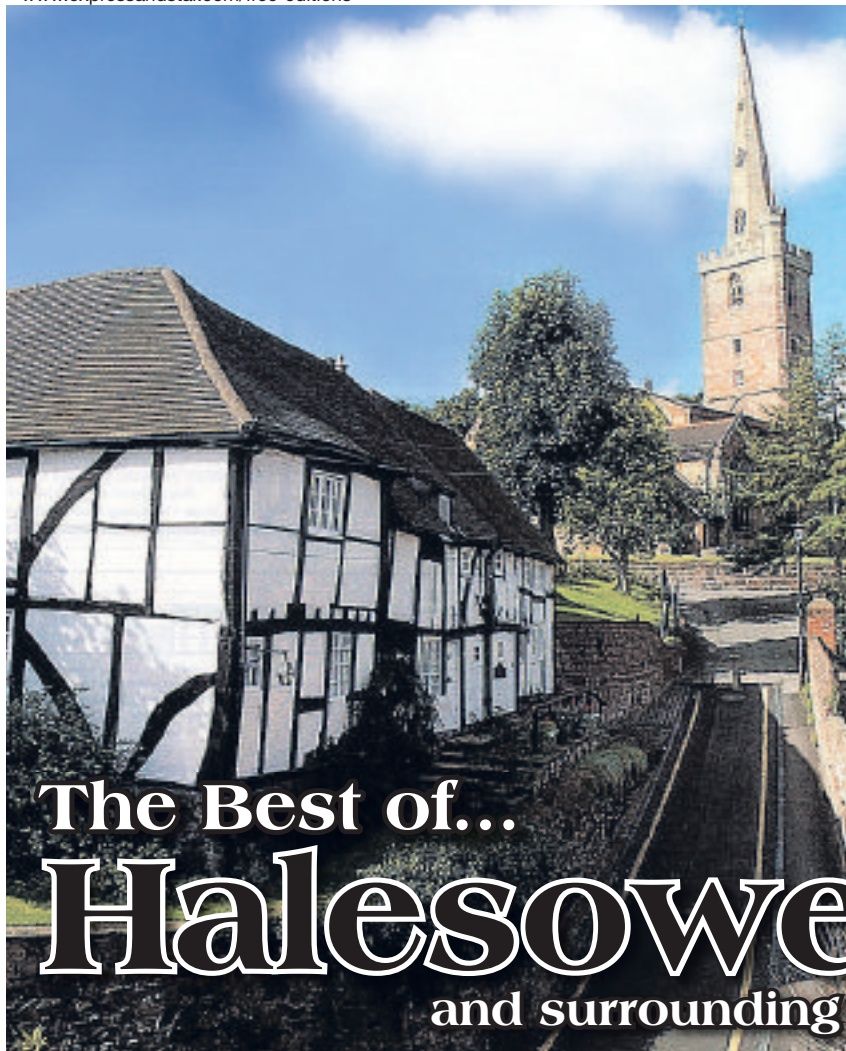
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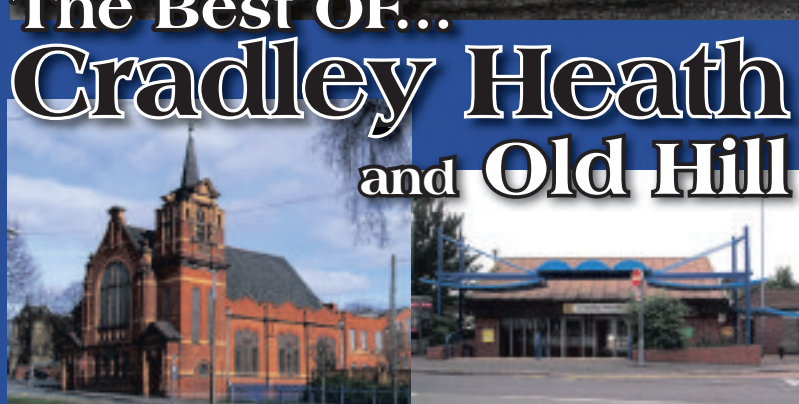
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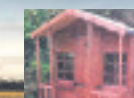
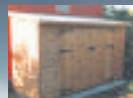
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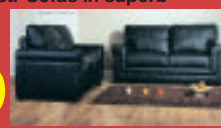
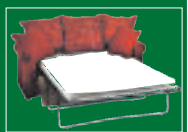
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 <p>Ben Wishaw</p> <p>The Hollow Crown – Richard II BBC2, 9pm</p> <p>The BBC continues its Shakespeare season by bringing us four star-studded adaptations of the Bard's best-loved loved history plays, grouped under the title "The Hollow Crown". If you think that title was chosen to make them sound a bit more like Game of Thrones, you could be on to something. But as these new films will show, Shakespeare's plays certainly have enough intrigue and action to compete with the cult US drama. They chart the rise and fall of three kings who helped to shape Britain, beginning with Richard II (Ben Wishaw).</p>	<p>6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 Wimbledon 2012.</p> <p>6.10 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.</p> <p>6.30 Film: Raiders of the Lost Ark. (1981) Indiana Jones goes in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis get their hands on it. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, with Harrison Ford and Karen Allen.</p> <p>8.20 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. New series. Nick Knowles returns with the tense quiz show, giving two sisters the opportunity to win £100,000. Jenni Falconer presents the all-important draws.</p> <p>9.10 Casualty. Sam's return to Afghanistan is jeopardised when an army colleague asks her to lie for him, while new nurse Fletch (Alex Walkinshaw) fails to make a favourable impression on Lloyd.</p> <p>10.00 BBC News; Weather.</p> <p>10.20 Mrs Brown's Boys. Dermot announces his choice of best man for the wedding. (R)</p> <p>10.50 Live at the Apollo. Jack Whitehall hosts the stand-up show. Last in the series; (R) National Lottery Update.</p> <p>11.35 Film: Red Eye. (2005) A hotelier on a flight to Miami realises a passenger she has befriended is intent on involving her in a political assassination. Thriller, with Rachel McAdams.</p> <p>12.50 Weather. 12.55 BBC News.</p>	<p>6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 11.30 Wimbledon 2012. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the opening matches on day six at the All England Club, where the third-round singles draws are scheduled to continue. 3.55 Escape to the Country. 4.40 Plog It! (R) 5.40 Dad's Army. (R)</p> <p>6.10 Wimbledon 2012. Sue Barker introduces further live coverage of day six at the All England Club, where the third-round singles matches are scheduled to conclude. Subsequent programmes subject to change.</p> <p>8.00 Today at Wimbledon. John Inverdale and guests look back at the key moments from day six at the All England Club, focusing on the scheduled conclusion of the men's and ladies' third-round singles.</p> <p>9.00 The Hollow Crown: Richard II. New series. King Richard banishes his cousin Henry Bolingbroke from the realm – so his relative vows revenge. First of four Shakespeare adaptations, starring Ben Whishaw.</p> <p>11.20 Derek Jacobi on Richard II. Derek Jacobi discusses Richard II, including his performance in the title role in 1978, and investigates theories that it may not have been written by Shakespeare after all.</p> <p>12.20 TOTP2. Radio 2 DJ Mark Radcliffe continues his trawl through the archives, unearthing clips of Mott the Hoople, Terry Wogan, the Spice Girls, Blondie and the Smiths. (R) 1.20 Film: Nina's Heavenly Delights. (2006) Romantic comedy drama, with Shelley Conn and Laura Fraser. 2.50 Close.</p>	<p>6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Saturday Cookbook. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 The Real Housewives of New York City. 12.20 ITV News; Weather. 12.30 Film: Agatha Christie's Murder Is Easy. (1982) 2.20 Film: On Her Majesty's Secret Service. (1969) 5.00 Regional Programme; Weather. 5.10 ITV News; Weather. 5.30 You've Been Framed! (R)</p> <p>6.00 Primeval. The team accidentally sends a raptor to Victorian London and Matt tracks it down, only to find Emily trying to do the same thing. Abby hatches a plan to infiltrate Connor's lab.</p> <p>7.00 You Cannot Be Serious! Alistair McGowan presents a topical entertainment show mixing clips, sketches and impressions based on the week's biggest and most talked-about sporting events.</p> <p>7.30 Film: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. (2007) The wizard unites his fellow pupils into a secret army to battle the resurrected Lord Voldemort. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Gary Oldman.</p> <p>10.00 ITV News; Weather.</p> <p>10.20 Mad Mad World. New series. Comedy quiz, hosted by Paddy McGuinness.</p> <p>11.00 Take Me Out. A stockbroker, a teacher, a company manager and a pest controller try to impress 30 single women, and the previous edition's couples go on their dates. (R)</p> <p>12.10 The Store: ITV News Headlines. 2.15 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.</p>	<p>6.00 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". (R) 6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 The Hoobs. (R) 6.55 British F3. 7.25 The Grid. 7.50 Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson "Night Swimmer". (R) 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4: 10 Years on the Beach. 9.30 T4: The Amazing Spider-Man. T4 Movie Special. 10.00 T4: Love Shaft. 10.40 T4: Revenge. 11.40 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.15 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.45 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.20 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 4.05 Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson "Lone Rider". (R) 4.10 Deal or No Deal. 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 7.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 7.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 7.45 Film: Iron Man. (2008) An arms manufacturer invents a hi-tech suit of armour and uses it in the fight against evil around the world. Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr and Jeff Bridges.</p> <p>10.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.</p> <p>11.40 Film: Before the Devil Knows You're Dead. (2007) Premiere. Two brothers conspire to rob their parents' jewellery store. Crime thriller, starring Philip Seymour Hoffman.</p> <p>1.45 How to Cope with Death. (R) 1.50 Stand Up for the Week. (R) 2.35 Comedy Lab: Totally Tom. (R) 3.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) 4.25 Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius "One Giant Leap". (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Big Body Squad. (R) 11.00 Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) 12.00 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) 1.00 Film: Torpedo Run. (1958) 2.50 Film: Cave of Outlaws. (1951) 4.25 Film: Rio Bravo. (1959)</p> <p>7.15 5 News Weekend.</p> <p>7.20 NCIS. Gibbs tries to protect one of his dead daughter's friends, who is being stalked by an Iraq war veteran – but DiNozzo fears he is allowing personal feelings to cloud his judgement. (R)</p> <p>8.10 NCIS. An investigation into the death of a seaman leaves the investigators wondering whether Gibbs is about to leave NCIS again, and Ziva introduces her new boyfriend to her team-mates. (R)</p> <p>9.00 Big Brother. Marcus Bentley provides his familiar voiceover as the housemates survive another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants, and the reactions of the other nominees relieved that it was not them.</p> <p>10.00 Film: Hostel: Part II. (2007) Three American girls are kidnapped in Slovakia and sold to rich men who indulge in violent fantasies. Horror sequel, with Lauren German.</p> <p>11.50 Inside Hollywood. Magazine show, with location reports, showbusiness news and views from behind the scenes in Tinseltown.</p> <p>12.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 Nick's Quest. 4.25 Great Scientists. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)</p>	<p>BBC Three 7.00 Doctor Who 7.45 Doctor Who Confidential 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Film: Poseidon (2006) 10.30 Live at the Electric 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!</p> <p>BBC Four 7.00 The Blue Planet 8.00 Illuminations: The Private Lives of Medieval Kings 9.00 Spiral 2: Gangs of Paris 10.45 Top of the Pops: 1977 11.20 Sinatra Sings</p> <p>ITV2 2.30 America's Got Talent 5.20 Film: Garfield (2004) 7.00 Britain's Got More Talent: Kids and Pets Unleashed 8.00 Britain's Got More Talent: All Singing All Dancing 9.00 Film: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) 11.20 Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights</p> <p>ITV3 6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Lewis 11.05 Film: Dave (1993)</p> <p>ITV4 2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France 5.00 The Professionals 6.00 20 Goals That Shook the World 7.00 Cycling: Tour de France Highlights 8.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights 9.00 Eurogordon: Why England Shouldn't Win Euro 2012 10.00 Film: Mad Max 2 (1981)</p> <p>E4 3.00 Desperate Housewives 4.00 Revenge 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.30 Rules of Engagement 8.30 How I Met Your Mother 9.00 Film: Joy Ride (2001) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory</p> <p>Film4 3.20 Carry On Nurse (1959) 5.05 Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (2005) 6.55 Edward Scissorhands (1990) 9.00 Dorian Gray (2009) 11.10 The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2009)</p>

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SUNDAY'S TV 1.07.12**CHOICE**

Gary Lineker

Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012 Final BBC1, 7pm
Gary Lineker presents coverage of the final at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev, where the winners of the 14th European Championship will be crowned. After 23 days of competition, consisting of 30 matches, just two teams remain from the 16 that had aspirations of not only competing in the conclusion to the tournament held in Poland and Ukraine, but of triumphing in it. History points to this match being a close encounter, with only one final having been settled by more than a two-goal margin.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Country Tracks. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.00 Sunday Politics. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.45 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.40 Super Smart Animals. (R) 3.40 Who Do You Think You Are? (R) 4.40 Points of View. 4.55 Songs of Praise. 5.30 BBC News. Regional News. Weather.

6.00 Countryfile. The team heads to the Isle of Man, where John Craven rides a vintage motorbike around the TT course and Julia Bradbury tries to catch a glimpse of a basking shark.

7.00 Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012 Final. Gary Lineker presents coverage of the final at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev (Kick-off 7.45pm), where the winners of the 14th European Championship will be crowned. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.15 BBC News. Regional News; Weather.

10.40 John Bishop's Britain. The Liverpudlian comic talks about British cuisine, featuring stand-up and sketches. MasterChef's John Torode and Gregg Wallace also share their views. (R)

11.25 Room 101 - Extra Storage. With Nick Hewer, Carol Vorderman and Rhod Gilbert.

12.05 The Sky at Night. 12.45 Weatherview. 12.50 Sign Zone: Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. (R) 1.50 Holly City. (R) 2.50 The Great British Countryside. (R) 3.50 Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland. (R) 4.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 12.30 MotoGP. 2.00 Live Athletics: European Championships.

6.00 Oceans. The team explores the southern part of the Red Sea, investigating whether the coral there could provide answers to the threats facing other reefs around the world. (R)

7.00 Secrets of Our Living Planet. Chris Packham investigates the ecosystem of North America's temperate forests, examining how it rebuilds itself in spring after harsh winters.

8.00 Film: The Boys Are Back. (2009) Premiere. A widowed sports writer trying to look after his two sons opts for an unusual child-rearing philosophy - say yes to everything. Drama, with Clive Owen and Laura Fraser.

9.40 The Sarah Millican Television Programme. The comedienne hosts TV-based stand-up and chat, starting with wildlife and dating shows, and is joined by naturalist Chris Packham and relationship expert Tracey Cox. (R)

10.10 Mock the Week. With Marcus Brigstocke, Gary Delaney and Zoe Lyons. (R)

10.40 Line of Duty. A detective sergeant working in anti-corruption is assigned to investigate a respected senior officer. Thriller, with Lennie James and Vicky McClure. (R)

11.40 Episodes. Matt ups his fierce ex-wife. (R)

12.10 Film: For the Moment. (1993) 2.10 BBC News. 4.20 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV. Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Dinner Date. 9.25 House Gift. (R) 10.20 There's No Taste Like Home. (R) 11.20 The Hungry Saliors. (R) 12.15 ITV News; Weather. 12.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 1.25 Film: Columbus: Lady in Waiting. (1971) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Leslie Nielsen. 3.00 Prince Charles: The Royal Restoration. (R) 4.00 Doc Martin. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Camcorder calamities, including footage of a bike that doubles as a swing, sibling rivalry and a man taking on a big spider. (R)

7.00 Euro 2012 Final Live. Coverage of the showpiece match at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev (Kick-off 7.45pm), where the two remaining teams compete to become the 14th winners of the European Championship. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.

10.15 ITV News; Weather.

10.30 Film: The Boat That Rocked. (2009) Richard Curtis's comedy, with Bill Nighy and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

12.55 The Store. Home shopping; TV News Headlines. 3.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights. James Haydon presents action from both races at Knockhill in Fife, where the fifth round of the season was scheduled to take place. Commentary by Jack Burnicall and James Whitham. 3.50 Motorsport UK. Action from Thruxton, Hampshire. 4.40 ITV News. Text-based information service. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Channel 4 Presents - London Dreaming. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Ironman 2012. 7.00 Triathlon. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents - Nathan Stephens "Warrior". (R) 8.00 Will & Grace. (R) 8.25 Will & Grace. (R) 8.55 Frasier. (R) 9.25 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 T4 on the Beach. 5.15 The Simpsons. (R) 5.45 Channel 4 News.

6.15 4thought.tv.

6.20 Film: Bride Wars. (2008) Two lifelong best friends become bitter rivals when their weddings are scheduled to take place on the same day and at the same venue. Comedy, with Kate Hudson.

8.00 Come Dine with Me. Former Miss Rugby Jade Hollis, film and TV extra Susan Gillis, recruitment boss Lee Bunting and academic Alan James compete for the £1,000 prize in Warwickshire.

9.00 Film: The Ugly Truth. (2009) Premiere. A single TV producer is appalled when a chauvinistic presenter is hired for her morning news show. However, she is forced to seek his help when she meets the man of her dreams, and begins testing his theories on what men find attractive. Romantic comedy, starring Gerard Butler and Katherine Heigl.

10.50 Film: Lucky Number Sleev. (2006) Crime thriller, starring Josh Hartnett.

1.00 Camelot. (R) 1.50 Channel 4 Presents - London Dreaming. (R) 1.55 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.00 Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson "Lone Rider". (R) 4.05 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.00 Countdown. (R) 5.45 Glamour Puds. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 City of Friends. (R) 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Abby's Flying Fairy School. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Family! (R) 7.35 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.20 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.35 Funky Town. (R) 9.45 Jelly Jam. (R) 10.00 Inside Hollywood. (R) 10.05 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.35 The Restaurant Inspector. 11.35 Big Brother. (R) 12.35 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.35 Film: Wimbledon. (2004) 3.20 Film: Stuart Little 2. (2002) 4.50 Film: What a Girl Wants. (2003)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the second one-day in the five-match series, as the teams faced each other at the Oval for the first time since 2010.

8.00 Once Upon a Time. The origin of the eight dwarves is revealed.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.

10.00 Film: 3:10 to Yuma. (2007) Western remake, starring Russell Crowe.

12.20 True Grit. The True Story. (R) 1.20 SuperCasino. 4.00 Sons of Anarchy. 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 World's Craziest Fools 7.30 Film: The Proposal (2009) 9.15 Live at the Apollo 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Snog, Marry, Avoid? **BBC Four**

7.00 Timeshift: Between the Lines - Railways in Fiction and Film 8.00 African Railway 9.00 India's Hospital Train - Lifeline Express 10.00 Madness on Wheels: Rallying's Craziest Years 11.00 Great Lives - Victor Spinetti 11.30 Behind the Scenes at the Museum **ITV2**

3.40 Film: Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties (2006) 5.15 The Nation's Favourite Abba Song 6.50 Film: Mamma Mia! (2008) 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights 11.00 Film: You, Me and Dupree (2006) **ITV3**

3.35 Inspector Morse 5.50 Lewis 10.00 Wire in the Blood **ITV4**

2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France. Stage one from Liege to Seraing. 4.30 Police, Camera, Action! 4.55 The Professionals 5.55 Tommy Cooper 7.00 Cycling: Tour de France Highlights 8.00 Minder 9.00 River Monsters 10.00 Film: Driven to Kill (2009) **E4**

3.20 Glee 4.15 Rules of Engagement 5.10 The Big Bang Theory 6.05 Revenge 7.00 Film: Nacho Libre (2006) 9.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.55 50 Greatest Wedding Shockers **Film4**

2.55 The Ladykillers (1955) 4.50 One Fine Day (1996) 7.00 Clueless (1995) 8.50 The Amazing Spider-Man Interview Special 9.00 Mr & Mrs Smith (2005) 11.20 AVP: Alien vs Predator (2004)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 Wimbledon 2012. Live coverage of the eighth round singles quarter-final. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2012. Further live coverage from the All England Club. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 7/7: One Day in London. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The National Lottery. 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. 12.20 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.05 Sali Mali. (R) 6.10 Channel 4 Presents - Oscar Pistorius 'One Giant Leap'. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Canada. 10.00 Four Rooms. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 Channel 4 Presents - London Dreaming. (R) 12.40 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.55 Film: The Passion of Courage. (1962) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 6.35 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 - Hannah Cockroft Part III. 8.00 Cashing in on the Games: Channel 4 Dispatches. 8.30 Jamie's Summer Food Rave Up. 9.00 Undercover Boss. 10.00 Daredavids: Life on the Edge. 11.05 Random Acts. (R) 11.10 Coming Up. 11.40 4thought.tv. 11.45 The Shooting Gallery: Adrenaline Rush. 12.00 The Good Wife. 1.35 The Big C. 2.00 Film: Wicked Park. (2004) Mystery, starring Josh Hartnett. 4.00 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.50 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.40 Glamour Puds. (R)

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 Sali Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Canada. 10.00 Four Rooms. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 - Will Bayley Part III. (R) 12.40 How to Cook Like Heston. (R) 1.10 Film: The Thirty-Nine Steps. (1978) Thriller, starring Robert Powell. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 - David Smith Part III. 8.00 River Cottage: Three Go Mad. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 A Short History of Everything Else. 10.30 The Killing. 11.30 Random Acts. 11.35 2 Broke Girls. 12.00 4thought.tv. 12.05 Music on 4: Spotlight: Ones to Watch. (R) 12.30 Music on 4: Gigantic. 12.35 Music on 4: Lovelock Festival 2012. 1.00 Music on 4: 4Play: Luke Bingham. 1.10 Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) 1.25 Film: Teenage Paparazzo. (2010) Documentary about a 14-year-old photographer. 3.00 Southard. 3.45 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

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Thursday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News: Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Doorstep Crime 999. BBC News: Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.30 Regional News: Weather. 1.45 Wimbledon 2012. The women's singles semi-finals. 6.00 BBC News: Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes: Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders. BBC News: Regional News. 8.00 Traffic Cops. 9.00 When I Get Older. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News: Weather. 10.35 Question Time. 11.35 This Week. 12.20 Holiday Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Call Centres Undercover: Panorama. (R) 12.55 Countryfile. (R) 1.55 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 2.55 Crime and Punishment. (R) 3.40 Great British Menu. (R) 4.40 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 Animal Park. (R) 12.30 Wimbledon 2012. The women's singles semi-finals. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2012. Further live coverage from the All England Club. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review. 11.30 Mock the Week. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 London: A Tale of Two Cities with Dan Cruickshank. (R) 12.20 The Culture Show. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Situated in a quiet location, within walking distance to Old Hill town centre and Old Hill train station is this unfurnished first floor flat, comprising of: Electric Storage Heating, Large Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, One Double Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Communal Gardens, Allocated Parking.

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An unfurnished ground floor maisonette, located close to shops and amenities, briefly comprising of: Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Parking Space.

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The Audi Q3 – adding a sat-nav entertainment system won't cost you a penny in the long run

Extras such as a sat nav can help the resale value

Adding optional extras can affect a car's resale value more than many Brits may think, with some options even paying for themselves when you come to sell your motor, car valuation say experts at Glass.co.uk

Glass's also warns that some extras may add no value at all and in some cases, especially 'DIY' extras such as self-fitted stereos, can reduce a car's value.

The sat-nav has become the stalwart extra on many new cars, especially luxury models, and is something many Brits just can't live without.

According to Glass's, this makes a sat-nav a smart investment when you

buy a new car and in many cases will pay for itself when the car is sold.

For example, installing a sat-nav entertainment system onto a new Audi Q3 might set you back £500. But if you sell your car two years later it will be worth £500 more than one without the sat-nav, meaning you've enjoyed a great extra at no additional cost.

Demand

The smart buys don't stop there. Bluetooth systems which allow drivers to connect devices such as mobile phones to their car wirelessly also see very high demand among buyers and will usually retain 50 per cent of their value over three years – so essentially a good extra to have.

But there is some pipping your pocket could do without. Added extras

such as 21-inch wheels and rear entertainment systems on the Audi A8 will set you back £3,500 and £3,800 respectively and offer little to no resale upside.

In both cases you'll lose much of this investment when it comes to selling. Additionally, safety systems such as brake and lane assist can surprisingly add no additional value to a car when motorists come to sell it.

Richard Crosthwaite, Glass's prestige car editor, comments: "It is so easy to get carried away, ticking the extras boxes when buying a car, but you really need to do some research."

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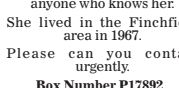


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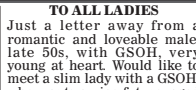
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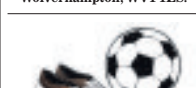
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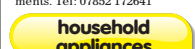


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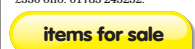
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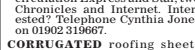
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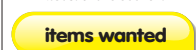


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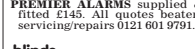
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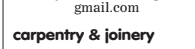
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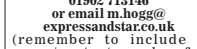
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Openers battle but batsmen are beaten

Old Hill 129-6, Walmley 130-5. Walmley won by five wickets. OLD HILL firsts struggled with their batting at Walmley and fell to defeat in Birmingham League Division One.

Openers Dan Cox (33) and Mike Hingley (18) did the bulk of the work, assisted by Ian Walker's 24 not out.

Old Hill reached 129-6 from an innings reduced to 47 overs. But they shone in the field, grabbing four quick wickets in Walmley's reply to threaten victory.

But Walmley's Adam Breakspear made 71 not out to turn the match.

Old Hill 193, Walmley 123-9. Draw

Old Hill seconds were denied a home victory as Walmley's last-wicket pair held out. Losing the toss, Old Hill were put in to bat at Haden Hill.

After losing an early wicket they fought back to post a good score with Arsalan Mahmood's 66 well supported by Hamzar Ahmed (42) and Joe Thorn (30). Old Hill managed to reach a score of 193.

Bowlers were on top in Walmley's reply with Mo Javaid taking 5-21. But James Cannon's 23 not out prevented victory.

Barnards Green 141, Old Hill 130. Barnards Green won by 11 runs

The thirds did well to dismiss Barnards Green for 141 but fell short in reply.

Old Hill won the toss and put Barnards Green in.

Mitchell Jeffery's 3-19, allied to 3-44 for Christopher Round, kept the home team on top but a fine knock of 59 by Kevin Ratcliffe proved decisive.

Old Hill, their reply cut by two overs and nursing further worries about the weather, tried to maintain a consistent run rate and consequently lost cheap wickets. Paul O'Leary top-scored with 21.

Old Elizabethtons 189-7, Old Hill 140. Old Elizabethtons won by 49 runs

Late wickets for Old Hill fourths restricted Old Elizabethtons, but they still put together an imposing total.

Lewis Javaid and Izmah Khan each took two wickets. In reply, Old Hill's opening batsmen Jehanzaib Baig (19) and Izmah Khan (46) started confidently and at a good pace.

But then they struggled and although captain Irshad Ahmed (51) steadied the ship, Old Hill lost their final wicket to the last ball.

Race for Hammer is wide open – boss

Dudley Heathens

in 2010 and he had a tremendous season.

"He won the National League Riders' Championship that season and helped us reach the top of the table.

"Micky Dyer came in at a time when we had to make a tough decision to release James Sarjeant and he helped transform the team from play-off hopefuls to league leaders.

"Kyle did a fantastic job for us when he came in last season.

"He kept our season alive and he was an absolute delight to deal

with. The Golden Hammer always produces a great night of entertainment and I'm sure it will be no different this time around," he added.

Line-up: Ashley Morris (Dudley), Kyle Howarth (Wokington), Micky Dyer (Edinburgh), Rob Branford (Buxton), Adam Roynon (Dudley), Dan Greenwood (Dudley), Ashley Birks (Stoke), Steve Worrall (Scunthorpe), Richie Worrall (Stoke), Tom Perry (Dudley), James White Williams (Dudley), Simon Lambert (Leicester), Darryl Ritchings (Dudley), Byron Bekker (Dudley), Kyle Newman (Somerset), Lee Smart (Redcar).

Meanwhile, the good news continued off-track as the Heathens announced a new commercial partnership with Oldbury business Recycled Aggregate Services.

The team will now carry the Recycled Aggregate Services logo on their race jacket.

The company are now main team sponsors.

Recycled Aggregate Services owner David Burns was a keen motorcyclist in his younger days and already backs Wolves star Ricky Wells, who doubles up with Sheffield.

He said: "I'm delighted to become sponsor of the Heathens and hope to play some part in helping the club get a track of their own and bring the Cradley name back."

Tenth win on trot as club record is broken

RECORD-BREAKING Dudley set a new club record for biggest victory by rubbing out the Hitmen at 'Monmore Wood'.

Skipper Adam Roynon and West Midlands duo Ashley Morris and Tom Perry all went through the card as Dudley completed a 10th successive win in all competitions and eased six points clear in the National League table.

The Heathens went through the 60-point barrier for the fifth time this season – luckless Buxton the victims on three occasions – and only Dan Greenwood's heat 12 pirouette kept them this side of the 70 mark.

Greenwood went through the full 360 degrees on the first corner before heading at low speed straight into the safety fence.

Somehow he stayed on, gave chase and found determination rewarded when the unfortunate Ryan Blacklock – four falls in six races – hit the shale again and surrendered his third place.

Dudley wrapped it up in style with three maximum heat wins. Yet Morris, Perry and even the super-stylish Roynon could all have missed out at different times on the night.

Roynon had a heavy coming together with Adam McKinna on the first turn of heat six, the latter inadvertently straightening up in the corner and catching him. But the home captain made no mistake in the rerun, jettisoning clear from the tapes.

Perry had a splendid tussle with Rob Branford in the fifth, the visitors' No.1 leading until getting out of shape on the last lap pits bend exit. Scrabbling to regain momentum, he left a narrow but legitimate

Dudley 69 Buxton 23

racings line out by the fence and the predatory Perry – how he's improving on the back of his Premier League experience with Somerset – was quick to strike.

But the best action came at the last – already a race of the season contender. Perry appeared to go a touch wide and into the path of Morris out of turn two and Branford went under the pair of them.

Heathens squeezed past with Perry hitting the front. Yet back came Branford to regain second as Morris lifted slightly, only for the Heathen to wade back in over the home straight.

Morris, finally, prevailed – Branford having one last try off the final corner – to complete his paid maximum.

Dudley: Tom Perry 14+1, Ashley Morris 13+2, Adam Roynon 12, Byron Bekker 8+2, Darryl Ritchings 8+2, Dan Greenwood 8+2, James White-Williams 6.

Buxton: Rob Branford 10, Adam McKinna 4, Luke Priest 4, Dean Felton 3, Chris Widman 1, Ryan Blacklock 1, Richard Andrews 0.



Heathens Ashley Morris, left, and Dan Greenwood ahead of Adam McKinna. Pictures: John Hipkiss Photography



Byron Bekker, left, and Tom Perry discuss the finer points of a heat



An off-the-peg moment for Dan Greenwood

Neal takes lead again in tour car title bid

RACE ACE Matt Neal has seized the lead in the British Touring Car championship.

The Stourbridge-born man was one of three drivers who each took a victory at north Yorkshire's Croft circuit.

Team-mate Gordon Shedden and Jason Plato also took the podium's top spot, but it's Neal who goes into the summer break leading by a single point.

Neal put his Honda Yuasa Racing Team Civic on pole for race one, dropped to third at the start but fought back to win ahead of eBay Motors BMW driver Robert Collard and Shedden and take over at the top of the points table.

Shedden responded with victory in the second race to reclaim the championship lead. Neal took the runners-up spot to complete a one-two for Honda.

Plato, who missed the first race because of mechanical problems, won race three from Tom Onslow-Cole's eBay Motors BMW and Andrew Jordan's Pirtek Racing Honda Civic were second and third.

Fourth place for Neal was enough to move the defending champion back ahead.

He said: "The car felt fantastic. The Honda was strong in some places, the BMW in others so it was a case of building a gap to make sure he couldn't pounce in the areas where he was strongest.

"I'm very pleased, but all it does is give me the bragging rights for the next seven weeks."

Smethwick in winning draw on day

SMETHWICK bagged a winning draw against **Ombersley** in Birmingham League Division One.

Neil Carter (56), Vikram Sodhi (52) and Harshad Patel (43) helped Smethwick to 218-8. Ombersley made 158-8 in reply.

A stylish century from Tushar Saha saw **Wednesbury** to a four-wicket success against **Stourbridge**.

Saha's ton saw Wednesbury overhaul their opponents' 210-7.

Seamer Harish Patel had earlier bagged 4-85 for Wednesbury.



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TCR Breeze to victory in Ginetta Supercup

WEDNESBURY race team Total Control Racing are celebrating their return to the Michelin Ginetta GT Supercup with a victory.

The team went back to the championship just a fortnight ago but took the top step of the podium at north Yorkshire's Croft circuit thanks to Carl Breeze.

It was TCR's first win in Ginetta's flagship series since last October.

Victory for 32-year-old Breeze in round 12 on Saturday set him up for a podium hat-trick over the course of the weekend with a pair of second places following in rounds 13 and 14 on Sunday at the same venue.

Since returning to the TCR fold for the previous event at Oulton Park, Breeze has finished no lower than second.

Going into the seven-week mid-season break Breeze is third in the championship, just 11 points shy of second place. He also managed to set a new lap record for Croft with a blistering time of 1min24.122sec (90.94mph).

"We've come out of Croft as the top points scorer so I'm happy with that, plus we've set another lap record – two weekends back with TCR and we've got two lap records," said Breeze.

Steane now back at The Grove

HALESOWEN have completed a deal to bring Ben Steane back to the club for a second spell.

The midfielder has resigned seven years after bringing to an end a two-season spell with the Yeltz.

The club had forked out £5,000 to sign Steane from Bedworth in 2003 and he made 48 starts in two years, scoring four goals.

The 30-year-old was a free agent when spending last season at Rugby Town whom he joined after leaving Chasetown last summer, featuring in the Scholars' FA Cup run of 2008.

Halesowen have more reason to cheer after picking up a Birmingham County FA Community award, the FA Charter Standard Development Club of the Year.

The trophy will be on display in the club shop at the Grove for the whole of the upcoming season.

The club will also now be entered into the Regional Community Awards.

Welborn repeats the trick in Civic title defence



Andrew Robinson attacks Bobby Wood on his pro debut

ROWLEY REGIS' Jason Welborn once again proved that power can beat skill as he retained his Midlands welterweight title for a second time at Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

Trailing 39-38 on points with referee Terry O'Connor's scorecard going into the fifth of the scheduled 10 rounds last Friday night, the champion took matters into his own hands against the challenger, Scott Haywood.

Derby's Haywood got backed up into the corner and took a right hook that left him with a suspected broken jaw, which he felt as he sank to the canvas.

'Super' Scott responded and gamely tried to battle back but, again, got tangled up in the far ropes and was

by Craig Birch

dropped once more, this time by a low right hook to the body.

Haywood was saved by the bell and berated by his corner but, when they realised the injury, they didn't argue as he retired with his mouth full of blood.

In the two chief support bouts, Birmingham's Thomas Costello and Northampton visitor Nathan Reeve picked up useful wins to go forward.

Sharp body punching from light middleweight prospect Costello made opponent Paul Morby, a former Southern area champion, feel lucky to last a 60-54 points defeat. Reeve, a super flyweight in Prizefighter last year, utilised

a right hand put down Bulgarian Fikret Remizev, who was waved off in the third round.

Elsewhere on the undercard, Tipton's Ricky Summers and Birmingham's Andrew Robinson – both star graduates from Lions Amateur Boxing Club in Dudley – picked up points wins on their professional debuts.

Steven Pearce, of Stourbridge, saw off boxing's newest centurion, Birmingham's Sid Razak, over the distance in his opponent's 100th pro bout.

Cannock's former Chasetown footballer Dave Egan, with his former Scholars boss Charlie Blakemore in support also outpointed late replacement Danny Dontchev by 40-36.

TRAINING WILL BE A HIT, SAYS CLARKE

NEW head coach Steve Clarke believes his training ground style will be a hit with the Albion squad.

Clarke is getting ready for the July return of a group of players challenged with the task of maintaining the club's Premier League progress. But Clarke, in his first posting as a manager, has no fears about how he will get on with a squad which has delivered 11th and 10th-place finishes in the top flight under predecessor Roy Hodgson.

He said: "I'll be open to the players."

"I've worked for a long time as an assistant coach and I know that if you go and give players a cuddle at the right time, that is part of the job now."

"I think the players will enjoy working with me. I've got a good way of working on the training field."

"They should enjoy coming to work and, if they do, then you're halfway there."

But he won't be a soft touch either.

Strong

He said: "It's a case of being strong and being able to put across your opinion. They won't like it but they will accept it."

Albion legend Bob Taylor reckons fans will back the new boss – but admitted he had hoped for an experienced replacement for Hodgson.

However, he believes supporters will give the ex-Chelsea and Liverpool coach a chance.

Taylor, who met fans on Saturday at the launch of JJB Sports in Oldbury, said: "Clubs have to give young, up-and-coming managers a chance and I am all for that."

"But I did think that after Roy Hodgson had taken us to 11th and 10th place in the last two seasons, we might

by Steve Madeley

go for somebody a bit more experienced as a manager.

"I thought, with an experienced manager on board, there was a chance for the club to build on what Roy had done and go even higher in the table and, in time, maybe push for Europe."

"But the club have got their appointments right in the past, so we have all got to get behind Steve because this will be a big learning curve for him."

"He has been waiting for his chance as a fully-fledged manager and Albion have given him an opportunity."

Albion are being linked with goalkeeper Michael Rensing and full-back Danny Rose.

The Baggies are believed to have checked out Cologne keeper Rensing as an alternative should their bid to sign Ben Foster permanently fall through.

And Clarke is also on the trail of Tottenham left-back Rose, who is expected to be made available on loan for next season.

Cologne keeper Rensing finds himself in much the same position Foster did a year ago – an expensive member of a relegated squad.

Hughes saddles up for tough challenge



Halesowen rider Bradley Hughes in action at Knockhill. Picture: Mike Lawrence, www.superbikesnapper.co.uk

HALESOWEN rider Bradley Hughes faced a tall order at Knockhill in the latest round of the British Motostar Championship.

Not only is the Scottish track one of the most challenging courses on the racing calendar, Hughes' mechanic was unable to attend and his father was on crutches.

In addition, 15-year-old Hughes has had a growth spurt and the saddle height of his 125cc machine was

adjusted by two and a half inches to compensate. But the team soldiered on with the help of Gary Rimmer, who drove the van, and Stuart Painter who helped out in the paddock.

At Friday's free practice, Hughes posted sixth-fastest time in the wet, falling to ninth in final qualifying when the track dried out.

Hughes didn't get the best of starts but held onto 10th place through the early laps before being pushed back to

15th on lap 12 of the scheduled 22. But the race was brought to a premature end when three of the front runners crashed heavily at the hairpin.

The result was declared at 17 laps distance and Hughes awarded 12th place in the main championship and seventh in the Motostar Cup.

He now lies 13th in the main championship and eighth in the Cup. The next round is at Oulton Park in Cheshire on July 8.

Swimmers come from third place to take win

HALESOWEN Swimming Club took a last-gasp victory at Nuneaton in the final round of the Division One junior league.

With just 10 events to go, they were nine points adrift in third place.

But a fine run of five first places and two seconds put them level with Redditch at the top.

And a win in the final race gave them victory.

The performance exceeded the original target, which was for five league points and to finish ahead of Nuneaton to guarantee a place in September's league final.

Individual swimmers won nine events with a double for Mark Laing in the freestyle and butterfly.

Freestyle winners were Katy Morrice and Jack Simpson; backstroke, Imogen and Euan Vaughan-Hawkins; breaststroke, Kitty Luscombe and George Davies while Ben Meakin took a victory in the butterfly.

Relay

The relay teams also won nine events with both the age 11 and 12 boys team winning freestyle and medley events including Jakob Baker, James Cuthbert and Jamie Greenwood.

The age nine girls team including Ruby Hanke, Melissa and Sophie Parsons won the medley relay and the age 10 girls including Nicol Green, Amber Harrison, and Katy Morrice won the freestyle relay.

The overall girls, boys and combined freestyle relay teams won all three events in the gala.

The teams included Indu Appanna, Lauren Hill, Molly Kelly, Louis Gaskin and Daniel Smylie.

Result: Halesowen 221pts, Redditch 220, Nuneaton & Bedworth A 212, Stourbridge A 157, Stafford Apex 146, Northampton B 108.

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